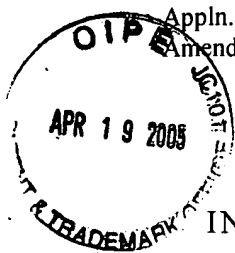


PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION

Appln. No. 09/484,363

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For: METHOD FOR STABILIZING )  
SOIL AGAINST EROSION )  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice mailed January 19, 2005, and in view of the submission of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) transmittal filed simultaneously with this Amendment, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper

**Amendments to the Drawings:** None.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this paper.